

In the Name of God Amen, I Francis Thornton of Spotsyl:
County being in perfect sence and Memory thanks be to God Therefore do
make and Ordain this my Last will and Testament in Manner & form
Following ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Imprimis I lend to my beloved Wife Frances Thornton Twelve Negroes (to wit) Cato
Jack Old Janney & Salloy his wife and young Little Negroes so that I had with my
said Wife and Moves Lot Husband Peter and Venus his wife York Abraham
Dose & Sam and their future increase during her Natural Life and I likewise
Lend her one fifth part of all my Cattle and horses for the time aforesaid; but if she
Remains a Widow till her Death my will & Desire is that she may have the
Disposal of the aforesaid Negroes Cattle and horses to any one or all of my Children
as she shall think fit and my will & desire is that my wife have ^{during} her widow
hood the use of the lower half of my Plantation or ~~or~~ cleared Ground whereon I
Live with the Houses & outhouses thereon & half the Orchard and as much Land
on the back adjoining to it as will make up her half of the plantation ^{two} ~~two~~
hundred Acres of Land with Liberty of Cutting fire wood & rail stuff on any
part of my Land for the use of her half of the said Plantation together with
The use of all my household Goods during her Widowhood ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Item I give & bequeath to my son Francis Thornton & to his heirs forever the remaining

Part of my Land and Plantation whereon I live and all my Land there to
Adjoining by my Intent is that he have that part also hereby Bequeathed
To his Mother at the time of her Marriage or Death which ever shall first
happen to him and his heirs forever ~ " ~ " ~ " ~ " ~ " ~ " ~ " ~ " ~ "

Item I Give and Bequeath to my son George Thornton all that Tract of Land
in King George County that I bought of M^r. Benjamin Berryman and
Them two Tracts of Land lying in Orange County which I bought of M^r.
Thomas Moriwether & M^r. Mobley Battaloy to him and his Heirs
Forever but in Case the Land whereon I now live hereby Given to his
Brother Frances Thornton should Decend to him then George then
my will is that the Land hereby given to my son George do pass to his
Brother William and to his Heirs forever ~ " ~ " ~ " ~ " ~ " ~ " ~ " ~ " ~ "

Item I Give and Bequeath to my son William Thornton all my Lands at
Great Mountains in Orange County being about two thousand six
hundred Acres to him & his Heirs ~ " ~ " ~ " ~ " ~ " ~ " ~ " ~ " ~ "

Item I Give and Bequeath to my son John Thornton all my Tract of Land
lying on the branch of the havel & Napsaponnas Run being about
seven hundred & fifty Acres and my two lots in Fredericksburgh
Town & the houses thereon & one hundred pounds Cash
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lying on the branch of the havel of Nagsaponnax River being about
seven hundred & fifty Acres and my two lots in Fredericksburgh
Town & the houses thereon & one hundred round Cash
To him and his Heirs forever ~ " ~ " ~ " ~ " ~ " ~ " ~ " ~ " ~ "

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Mildred Thornton five hundred pounds Cash & one Molatta girl named Mary & her increase to her & her heirs for ever to be paid her on the day of Marriage or when she comes to the age of twenty one years which ever shall first happen

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Mary Thornton five hundred pounds Cash & one Negro Girl named Moll & her increase to her & her heirs for ever to be paid the day of Marriage or when she comes to the age of twenty one years which ever ^{shall} first happen and if either of my said Daughters should die before they come to Age or Marry the Survivor of them to have seven hundred pounds Cash paid the day of Marriage or Attaining the age of twenty one years instead of the five hundred pounds before mentioned

Item My will is that my Executors as soon as conveniently do. Buy young Men & Women Slaves with the Cash left in my house & Debt due to my Estate for the Use & Benefit of my four sons Francis George William & John which I do hereby Give together with all my other Slaves and their increase & my horses Cattle Sheep Goats & hogs not before mentioned to be Equally Divided between my said four sons And their Heirs for ever

Item My will and Desire is that my Estate be kept together and undivided and my sons to have their share or parts thereof as they come of Age

Item It is my will and Desire that if either of my two sons William or John should happen to die without issue that the Land hereby Given them do Decend to the Survivor of them and their Heires forever and in Case they both die without Lawfull issue then to the Next Heir at Law ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Item My Will & Desire is that my wife give and devise my household goods and Furniturs amongst all my sons as she shall Think fit as they come of age or Marriage & if my Estate raises more money then I have hereby disposed of I desire it may be laid out in Building and household Goods for my sons ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Item It is my will & Desire that my Beloved wife Frances Thornton shall not be Accountable for any profits of my Estate whilst she lives a Widow but if she Marries that then she Account with and pay unto my Executors all the Profits Arising from the time of my Death for the use and benefit of my sons To be Settled & finally Determined by Arbitrators ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

And Whereas I have sold a piece of Land to Joseph White for Eighty Pounds Current money containing one thousand three hundred Acres Not yet inclosed but is under an Entry and Survey who upon Lord Fairfax has promised me a patent and as I am informed the said White has sold the same to some other person Now if the Lord Fairfax should not Grant a patent for the said Land to my Executors or the said Joseph White or the person to whom the said White has sold the same then my Will is that my Executors pay the said Eighty Pounds back to the said

Survivor of them and their Heire forever and in Case they both die without
lawfull issue then to the Next Heire at Law ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Item My Will & Desire is that my wife give and devide my house hold goods and
Furniture amongst all my sons as she shall Think fit as they come of age
or Marriage & if my Estate raises more money then I have hereby disposed
of I desire it may be laid out in Building and house hold goods for my sons.

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To be Settled & finally Determined by Arbitrators — " — " — " — " — " — " —

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LAST My Will is my Will that my Estate be not Appraised and I do hereby
Constitute and Appoint my beloved Wife Frances Thornton my Hon. father
Francis Thornton my loving brother John Thornton & my son Francis Thornton
Executors and Admrs of this my last will & Testament hereby revoking all other
Wills & Testaments by me heretofore made In Witness whereof I have here unto
set my hand & Affixed my seal this Eleventh day of November Anno
Domini 1718

Sign'd Sealed and Published
in the presence of

Francis Thornton (Sealed)

Robt Jackson

John Sutherland

Sarah Slaughter

Ann Jackson

Samuel Allan

I Francis Thornton of Spotsylvania County
do this 21st day of March make and Publish
This Codicil to my last will and Testament
in Manner following Viz

It is my Will and Intention that when my son
Francis Thornton shall come to the age of twenty one that the small
Negroes [except those Bequeathed to his Mother and Sister] and the Stock
be divided into four equal parts and that he draw or Cast ⁵⁰ for his part
and Remaining three parts to Remain undivided till George shall arrive at the age
of Twenty one and then to be divided into three parts one of which the said George is to
have and When William shall arrive at the age of Twenty one then the said George is to
have the other

have and When William comes to the years of twenty one that the ^{other} remaining two
Parts be divided Equally between the s. William & John but it is my desire that
If any of my sons should die before the Negroes & Stock be divided as above
Directed that it be divided Equally between the survivors and my desire is that my son
Francis may not have any Profit arising from the Mill untill all the Cash is paid
To Discharge the Legacies mentioned in my will and further it is my desire that
if my sons William and John shall both happen to die before they Arrive at the age
of Twenty one that then their Estates be divided Equally between my son Francis
and George & not to Devolve solely to the Heir at Law as I specified in my will
And lastly it is my desire that this my present Codicil be annexed to & made
part of my last will & testament to all intents & purposes In Witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Twenty first day of March in the
year of our Lord one thousand seven Hundred & forty eight

Signed Sealed Published & Declared by the above named

Francis Thornton as a Codicil to be Annexed to his last

Will & Testament in the Presence of ~ ~ ~ ~

Fra^s Thornton Seal

Rob^t Jackson

James Allan

Ann Jackson

George Hicks

At a Court held for Wapahunga County on Tuesday
September the fifth Anno 1749

The Last will and Testament of Francis Thornton Gent Deceased

Being Exhibitted in Court by Francis Thornton widow of the Deceased
 And John Thornton Gent two of the Executors therein named and was proved,
 by the Oaths of John Sutherland Ann Jackson and James Allan three
 of the Witnesses thereto And the Codicil thereto was Proved by the Oaths
 of James Allan Ann Jackson and George Hicks and the same is Ordered
 To be Recorded

Test
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Spotsylvania County to wit we the Subscribers being first sworn
 before William Carr Gent a Justice of the peace for the County have
 appraised all the Estate of Henry Martin Deceased as follows

One Negro man	Named Bevar	25
one negro woman	Named Ann	25
one Do Do	Named Judith	30
one Do Do	Named Lucy	10
one Negro Boy	Named Will	30
one Do Do	Named London	25
one Do Do	Named Bob	16
one Girl	Named Fanny	16
one boy	Named Peter	12
one Do	Named Joe	10